Citizen-Friendly Summary

Presidential Accountability and Judicial Integrity Act of 2029

Purpose of the Bill

This bill is designed to make sure U.S. Presidents—both current and former—are not above the law. It strengthens checks and balances by:

- Limiting presidential immunity (legal protections).
- Ensuring independent investigations of presidents.
- Increasing transparency and trust in the justice system.

Key Points

1. Limits on Presidential Immunity

- Presidents can only claim immunity (legal protection) for actions directly tied to their official constitutional duties.
- Personal acts—like campaign activities, private business dealings, or actions meant for personal gain—are not protected.
- Congress still keeps its power to impeach.

2. Independent Special Counsel

- If a president (current or former) is under investigation, the Attorney General must nominate a Special Counsel from a bipartisan, pre-approved list.
- A new Oversight Board confirms the nominee in public hearings.
- Special Counsels can only be removed for serious misconduct, not political reasons.
- Once appointed, the Special Counsel has full power to investigate and prosecute.

3. Oversight Board

- A new Presidential Accountability and Judicial Integrity Oversight Board will be created.
- Membership includes judges, law school deans, and bipartisan congressional leaders.
- They serve staggered terms to prevent political takeovers.
- They hold quarterly public meetings for transparency.
- They can issue legal opinions, oversee DOJ decisions, and even ask courts to clarify gray areas.

4. Safeguards & Transparency

- DOJ must explain in writing if it ignores Oversight Board guidance.
- Board meetings will be livestreamed for public awareness.

5. Timeline & Reviews

- The law takes effect on January 1, 2030.
- By 2035, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) must review its effectiveness, followed by a public congressional hearing.
- The law remains in place unless Congress repeals it.

Why This Matters

This Act is meant to close loopholes that have allowed presidents to avoid accountability. It ensures:

- No president can use re-election or office as a shield against justice.
- Investigations of presidents are independent, transparent, and fair.
- The public has more trust in the Department of Justice and the courts.

■ **Plainly put:** The bill makes sure presidents are treated like everyone else under the law, while still protecting legitimate presidential duties. It also creates strong, independent oversight so the justice system can’t be easily swayed by politics.